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SUBJECT: KATY INDUSTRIES/MINOSEGI COOPERATION

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1. HUNGARIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR LAKOS A D COMMERCIAL ATTACHE DUDICS MET WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICIALS INCLUDING COMMISSIONER MINCHEW RECENTLY TO DISCUSS ITC DECISION ON SHOE IMPORTS.

2. ACCORDING TO DAVID FOSTER, ASSISTANT TO CHAIRMAN OF ITC, MEETING CENTERED ON FACTUAL DISCUSSION OF SHOE REPORT. IN GENERAL TERMS, HUNGARIANS WERE TOLD HOW DECISION WAS REACHED, WHAT OPTIO'S WERE RECOMMENDED AND WHAT IMPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED ACTIONS WOULD HAVE; DECISION UNCLASSIFIED

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BY THE PRESIDENT ON FINAL ACTION (I.E., TARIFFS, QUOTAS,

ETC.) DUE BY APRIL 20.

3. HUNGARIANS WERE APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED BY ITC VIEW THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN WOULD BE NONDISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE AND THAT WHATEVER ACTION IS DECIDED UPON WILL LIKELY IMPACT MORE HEAVILY ON LOWER PRICE SHOES THAN ARE INVOLVED

IN KATY/MINOSEGI COOPERATION PROJECT.

4. FYI: VIEWS OF ITC, AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY, WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE BORNE OUT BY PRESIDENTIAL DECISION, WHICH CANNOT BE PREJUDGED. END FYI.

5. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE DUDICS TOLD BEWT DESK OFFICER, APRIL 2, THAT HUNGARIAN EMBASSY HAD JUST RECOMMENDED TO BUDAPEST THAT MINOSEGI MOVE AHEAD WITH SIGNING OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

6. INFORMATION ON EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION PASSED TO AMERICAN SHOE MACHINERY COMPANY PRESIDENT WOODWARD. WOODWARD PLANNED TO RELAY INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY TO MELVIN JACOBS GENERAL COUNSEL OF KATY INDUSTRIES AND BILL HILL, VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN SHOE MACHINERY COMPANY, WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN BUDAPEST. KISSINGER

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